

Year IV (Year II under current funding cycle)
Annual Plan
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Kibungo Child Survival Program
International Rescue Committee

I. Introduction

As outlined in the annual report, the past year of the program has seen a significant increase in the geographic coverage of the program and improvement in a number of indicators, including growth monitoring coverage and obstetric and post-natal coverage. The program has also further strengthened its partnership with local, national, and international partners. However, much work remains to be done.

In the second year, the Child Survival team will work to improve the quality of the expanded activities. IEC and services at both community and health facility level will be particular targets for improvement. For example, the team will work with health districts to increase the use of counseling cards during community growth promotion services, and will increase capacity in post-natal care for health facilities in Rwinkwavu Health District, as part of a national pilot program.

II. Goal, Objectives, and Strategies

Goal: to improve the health and nutritional status of under-five children and women of child-bearing age, and to reduce child and maternal morbidity

Objectives:

1. Nutrition
 - 1.1. To increase the proportion of mothers who take vitamin A within a month of delivery
 - 1.2. To increase the proportion of children taking vitamin A every 4 months
 - 1.3. To decrease the proportion of underweight children (below 80% of weight-for-age median)
 - 1.4. To increase the proportion of newborns breastfeeding within an hour of delivery
 - 1.5. To increase the proportion of mothers who take iron for at least a month during pregnancy.
2. Maternal and newborn care
 - 2.1. To increase the proportion of mothers with at least 2 recorded TT immunizations for the last pregnancy
 - 2.2. To increase the proportion of TBA deliveries that are transferred from community to health facility
 - 2.3. To increase the number of cesarean sections at hospitals in Kibungo province
 - 2.4. To improve quality of reproductive health care at health centers.

3. Malaria control

3.1. To reduce the number of deaths from febrile illness, per year, per 1,000 children under 5

3.2. To increase the proportion of children who slept under a correctly impregnated mosquito net last night

3.3. To improve quality of malaria case management at the health centers

Major Strategies:

- Build systems to provide appropriate information at community and health facility level to make appropriate health decisions
- Strengthen health centers' delivery of preventive services, using training and the design and implementation of new follow-up systems
- Improve links between community, health centers, and health district, using training and the design and implementation of new supervision and support systems.

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1.3 To decrease the proportion of underweight children

To continue to expand geographically community growth promotion activities	Health District and IRC		X	X		X		X		X		X		
To continue to supervise community growth promotion activities to improve quality	Health District and IRC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
To continue to expand the scope of growth promotion activities to include cooking demonstrations and home visits	Health centers and IRC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
To train IRC staff, district staff, and community agents in pilot Hearth zone	IRC						X							
To expand use of Hearth techniques to rehabilitate malnourished children within the community and to promote community best-practices	Health District and IRC								X			X		
Distribution of vitamin A, mebendazole, and ORS	Health Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Implement a tracking system to evaluate the effectiveness of transfers from community growth-promotion clinics to nutritional rehabilitation centers	Health District and IRC				X							X		

1.4 To increase the proportion of children breastfeeding within an hour of delivery

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1.5 To increase the proportion of mothers who take iron for at least a month during pregnancy

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3.3 Improved quality of malaria case management at the health centers													
Development of a monitoring system to track quality indicators at health facilities	Health District, IRC, and National Malaria Program				X	X	X						
Other activities													
Development of a list of emergency signs to trigger outbreak alert for meningitis or cholera	Health District					X		X		X		X	
Training for health animators regarding the list				X	X								
LQAS survey in Rwinkwavu District	Health District and IRC					X							
Follow-up LQAS survey in Kirehe District	Health District and IRC												X
LQAS survey in Kibungo District	Health District and IRC								X				
LQAS survey in Rwamagana District	Health District and IRC										X		
To develop a proposal for a family planning intervention in Kirehe District	IRC and Health District			X	X								
Conduct research to evaluate the effectiveness of the “target-weight” method	IRC									X			